GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2993
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IMPORT DUTY ON TITANIUM DIOXIDE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the difficulties experienced by the Indian industrial units producing Titanium Dioxide Pigment due to the influx or foreign made Titanium Dioxide Pigment into the Indian market;

(b) whether the Government propose to enhance the import duty on Titanium Dioxide Pigment to save the Indian companies;

(c) if so the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have received any representation in this regard; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) Government had received some pre-budget representations for increasing the customs duty on Titanium Dioxide Pigment. They were examined in the context of general approach that was decided with regard to customs duty structure and followed in the Budget for 2001-02. It was not found feasible to increase the customs duty on Titanium Dioxide Pigment. There is also no proposal currently under consideration of the Government in this behalf.